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I have the honour to request you to convene an emergency meeting of the Security Council to consider the situation in Yugoslavia.

(Signed) Jean-Bernard MERIMEE
Permanent Representative
of France to
the United Nations

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I have the honour to forward herewith the press statement of the President of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, Mr. V. Havel, and of the President of Slovenia, Mr. M. Kucan, from the talks held on 20 November 1991 and the text adopted on the Initiative to Save Dubrovnik.

I would be most grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and of its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eduard KUKAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Press statement from the talks between the President of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, Mr. V. Havel, and the President of Slovenia, Mr. M. Kucan

On 20 November 1991, working negotiations took place between the Presidents of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, Mr. Havel, and the Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Kucan. During the talks, both parties discussed in detail not only the current situation in Yugoslavia and its possible solution but also mutual relations between the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic and Slovenia on different levels. At the same time, talks were held between members of the two Governments responsible for economic relations.

Both parties noted that it is in the interest of the whole of Europe that the Yugoslav crisis be resolved in a peaceful way, through a dialogue of all the parties involved and with the assistance of the international community.

The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic stressed that the peace conference at The Hague has not yet made use of all its means and that it wants to continue taking an active part in the efforts of the international community aimed at resolving the Yugoslav crisis. The Czechoslovak party supports especially the activities of the European Community, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and the United Nations and is putting through a joint activity mainly of the European States.

In case the peace talks are unsuccessful we would not put off further acknowledging the independence of Slovenia. In so deciding, we are inferring from the fact that the citizens of Slovenia have already expressed their desire in a constitutional way through a referendum.

Both parties have further agreed that they will deepen concrete cooperation between the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic and Slovenia in the economic, political and cultural fields.

Initiative to Save Dubrovnik

The deep crisis in Yugoslavia and mainly the war in Croatia causes great casualties in terms of human lives and immense suffering. It is also menacing cultural sites, which are the common heritage of the whole of mankind. One of them is the historic centre of Dubrovnik, which up to now has not been destroyed by human hand. At present it is, however, being threatened and is in mortal danger as a consequence of heavy fighting with the use of the most advanced military technology.

The destruction of Dubrovnik or its damage would mean an irretrievable loss for the whole world. Future generations would be justified in considering such an act as one of the tragic consequences of our inability to cope in a peaceful way with the problems which are worrying us. Let us not allow the continuation of the suffering of its citizens.

We are therefore of the opinion that Dubrovnik and its surroundings must immediately be turned into a zone of peace which could be further extended to other territories of Croatia. We thereupon recommend that the United Nations peace-keeping forces start their mission in this very place.

We therefore call upon politicians of the whole world to give public support to our initiative.

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LETTER DATED 25 NOVEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the most recent Iranian violations of the terms of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran. They are as follows:

1. At 0750 hours on 30 October 1991, the Iranian side proceeded to build a new position at coordinates 809334 inside the area of separation in the southern sector (map of Al-Baydah).

2. Between 0700 and 0830 hours on 3 November 1991, nine individuals from the Iranian side were observed building a personnel shelter of sandbags at coordinates 419648 inside the area of separation in the southern sector (map of Shaykh Faris).

3. At 0940 hours on 14 November 1991, an Iranian helicopter was observed at coordinates 714209 in the southern sector (map of Shaykh Faris) coming from the Iranian rear. It flew in a northerly direction along the border strip at an altitude of 500 metres for a period of 20 minutes and, at 1000 hours, returned to the Iranian rear.

4. At 1530 hours on 14 November 1991, the Iranian side proceeded to build a monitoring post at coordinates 445665 inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Khanaqin) and to man it with an infantry section.

5. At 1530 hours on 18 November 1991, an individual from the Iranian side fired a number of light-weapon rounds in the direction of our units. A total of 15 rounds fell at coordinates 917781 in the southern sector (map of Shalamjah).

6. At 0830 hours on 19 November 1991, an individual from the Iranian side fired a number of light-weapon rounds in the direction of our units. A total of 15 rounds fell at coordinates 950737 in the southern sector (map of Shalamjah).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative